

## Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Corps of Engineers ID Number: LRE-1994-1450820

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

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Lake County Redevlopment Commission

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3. Project location:

Sections 14 & 23, Township 35 North, Range 8 West of the Crown Point U.S.G.S. Quadrangle.

The project is located from I-65 by US 30 east, left on 80th Avenue, and north on the access road behind Best

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4. Affected waterbody:

Sprout Ditch, Unnamed Tributary (UNT) to Sprout Ditch, wetlands

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes the following impacts to Waters of the State: discharge fill into two wetlands totaling 0.585 acre; removal of two 24-inch reinforced concrete pipes (RCP) and installation of an 8' x 6' x 96' long box culvert and riprap at the Sprout Ditch outfall into a stormwater basin; removal of two 42-inch RCPs and installation of 120 feet of 42-inch RCP and 122 feet of 36-inch RCP to relocate the existing outfall structure for the discharge of pre-treated stormwater into Sprout Ditch west of the stormwater basin; relocation of 200 linear feet of UNT to Sprout Ditch approx. 10 feet south of current location in order to build up an existing berm on the north side of the property. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the loss of wetlands by purchasing 0.906 acre credits from Lake Station Mitigation Bank (this purchase will be combined with IDEM# IWGP 2008-309-45-SJM-A for impacts to isolated wetlands). Impacts to the UNT to Sprout Ditch would be mitigated on-site with the creation of a similar stream channel cross section as the existing conditions and seeding with an emergent wetland seed mix.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Sarah McKeown, Project Manager, at 317-234-6351. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

Project Location









